

**REMARKS**

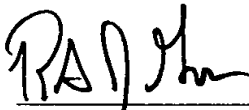
The specification and claim 10 are amended to conform to current U.S. patent practice.  
Accordingly, claims 1-45 are pending.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request examination of this application and the timely allowance of pending claims.

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